

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, a humanitarian organization dedicated to the prevention and alleviation of human suffering through community services, disaster relief, and emergency response, the American Red Cross has upheld the highest standards of civic duty throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, every year, families of military members send emergency messages to their enlisted loved ones, millions of Americans are trained in lifesaving first aid and CPR courses, countless numbers of patients receive blood, and the victims of disaster are given food, shelter, grief counseling, and more, thanks to the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, around the world, the Red Cross contributes to international efforts to aid other countries devastated by natural disasters, assists people in getting access to safe drinking water, and battles malnutrition and life-threatening diseases; and

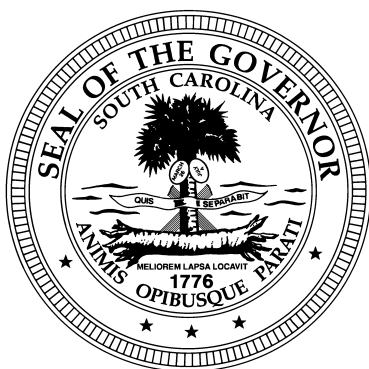
WHEREAS, in South Carolina, the American Red Cross strengthens our communities by encouraging our residents to get involved and help their neighbors in need while offering a variety of services that enhance our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, during the annual observance of American Red Cross Month, we honor this remarkable organization and celebrate its proud heritage of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2005 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact the American Red Cross has on the quality of life of our communities and the well-being of our residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA